

Village of Park Forest

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May 11, 1976

Mr. Richard Schicht
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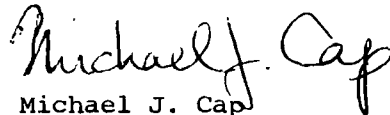
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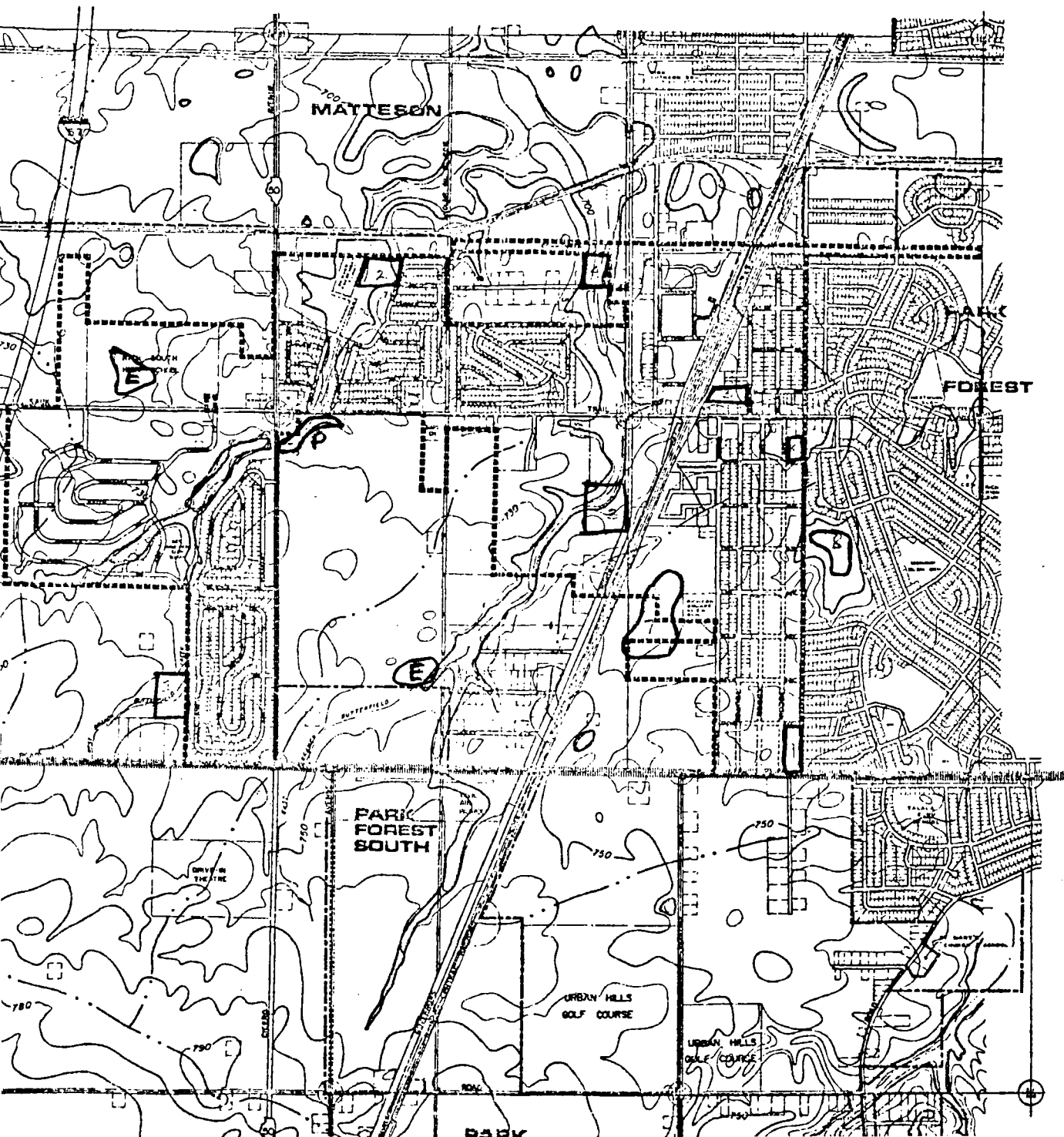
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Michael J. Cap
Village Engineer

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Enclosure



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2	49.2	
3	34.83] dry
4	48.17] "dry"
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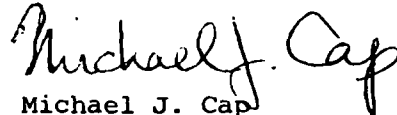
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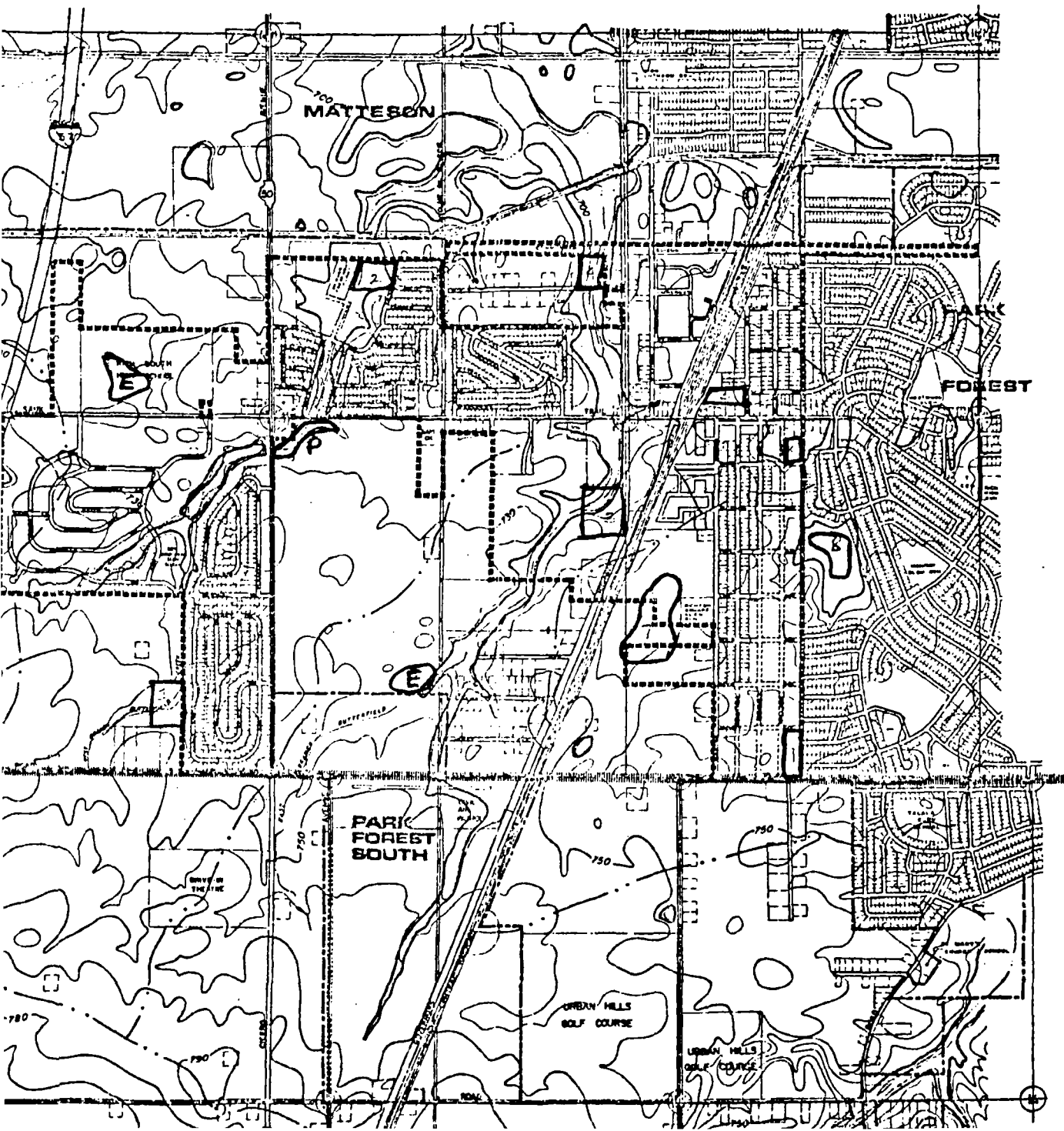
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February 13, 1978



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ILL. E.P.A. - D.I.P.C.
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Dear Mr. Mauzy:

The Circuit Court ruling in case 77CH1445 referred to the Sexton Landfill Company as being irreparably injured if reviews of the complaints by Richton Park and others were allowed by the Pollution Control Board, since the IEPA was thought to be an autonomous agency under the Act answerable to no higher power in these matters.

Our objections to the IEPA waivers and exceptions to its own rules and regulations were predicated on our concern with the irreparable injury to our citizens' investment and municipal growth, which such waivers and exceptions would inflict.

Throughout these proceedings, the prejudicial supposition of Sexton's performance and the supervising of the site at Sauk and Central Avenue was consistently cited as rationale for making exceptions which favored Sexton.

The enclosed photographs are evidence of the unsightly and arrogant misuse of the permit, which if allowed to exist, would force those in the area who must view the landfill, to live with this misuse. The Court's decision and the IEPA's assumptions of performance can be more clearly reviewed by one picture than any written words. Are we to understand this is an environmentally sound performance by a reputable firm controlled and supervised for the public's good and welfare by a legislatively autonomous Agency? Are we to understand the lack of concern in supervising and controlling such a flagrant misuse of regulations cannot be appealed to some agency sympathetic to the population who must live in such an environment, which is supposedly protected by judicial bodies and governmental agencies?

We, therefore, request the IEPA to review the enclosed and take whatever action necessary through its statutory powers to eliminate any reoccurrence of such a total disregard for the environment and relieve the citizens forced to view this pollution in an area which is a part of their daily existence. We would further request that IEPA support our efforts, that pertinent testimony